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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/877,802  
Filed: June 6, 2001  
Inventor: Nakamura  
Title: Methods and Compositions for Detection and Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases

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 Serial No.: 09/877,802 ) Art Unit: 1641  
 Filed: June 6, 2001 ) Examiner: Gabel, G.  
 For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR )  
 DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF )  
 INFECTIOUS DISEASES )

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants and applicants representatives would like to thank Examiners Gabel and Le for taking the time to meet with us on October 13, 2004 for purposes of discussing this case. We appreciate your insight and have incorporated your recommendations and suggestions into the claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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